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SUBJ: MINISTER OF PETROLEUM OTAIBA'S DESIRE VISIT WASHINGTON

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1. UNDER SECRETARY ISMAIL MANAGED TO REACH OTAIBA BY TELEPHONE IN KUWAIT LAST NIGHT. OTAIBA SAID THAT IN VIEW OF HEAVY SCHEDULE OF TOP US OFFICIALS DURING PERIOD HE PROPOSED FOR WASHINGTON VISIT HE THOUGHT IT BEST TO PUT OFF VISIT UNTIL ANOTHER TIME. HOWEVER, HE SAYS THAT HE STILL WOULD LIKE TO MAKE VISIT WHENEVER THIS WOULD BE CONVENIENT

FOR SECRETARIES KISSINGER AND SIMON IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. OTAIBA WILL BE ATTENDING OPEC MEETING IN BAGDAD ON JUNE 9 AND COULD MAKE U.S. VISIT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS, PUTTING HIM IN WASHINGTON AROUND JUNE 13 OR 14. COULD WE HAVE PRELIMINARY READING AS TO WHETHER SECRETARIES KISSINGER AND SIMON WOULD BE IN TOWN AND AVAILABLE TO SEE OTAIBA DURING THIS PERIOD?
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